

Date: January 7, 2014

To: Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager
Through: W. Bowman Ferguson, Deputy City Manager
From: Marvin Williams, Director of Public Works
Subject: Duke Energy Power Pole Replacement, Angier-Driver Streetscape

Executive Summary

On March 4, 2013 City Council approved the award of contract ST-258 to the Fred Smith Company for streetscape construction in the Angier-Driver targeted neighborhood commercial area. The Fred Smith contract involves street demolition and construction, replacement of electrical, water, sewer and storm water utilities, installation of streetscape and landscaping, and traffic signals and decorative street lighting for the Angier-Driver Business District in the City of Durham.

An integral part of that project has been the inclusion of decorative street lighting consistent with the downtown streetscape. Duke Energy has provided the City with a proposal which totals \$115,374.56 for the labor and materials associated with the decorative street lighting. A total of 11 decorative streets lights will be installed along Angier Avenue and South Driver Street.

Recommendation

The Administration recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute and approve payment of the invoice to Duke Energy in the amount of \$115,374.56 for the purchase of 11 decorative street lights to be installed along Angier Avenue and South Driver Street.

Background

In March 2006, City Council approved a Neighborhood Assessment and Plan to assess the economic strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats within Targeted Neighborhood Commercial Areas. The assessment established a development plan for the revitalization of these areas. The process included outreach to local businesses and residents with many opportunities to participate in the process through leadership interviews and visioning charrettes.

One of the standards identified in the plan was the need to have uniquely tailored streetscape designs for each of the Targeted Community Development Areas. Streetscape design and implementation was seen to be a means of promoting economic development in each of the Targeted Neighborhood Commercial corridors.

The Office of Economic and Workforce Development and the Department of Public Works developed a process to create unique streetscape designs tailored to each area. The process included a conceptual design exercise to solicit community feedback from Durham businesses, community residents, and other primary stakeholders to allow them the opportunity to determine corridor improvements, aesthetics, safety and function.

The decorative street lighting is an integral part of the Angier-Driver streetscape project. Duke Energy has provided the City with a proposal which totals \$115,374.56 for the labor and materials associated with the decorative street lighting.

Issues/Analysis

The Public Works Department recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to approve payment of the invoice to Duke Energy in the amount of \$115,374.56. Duke Energy is the only provider of electrical power and therefore the City is obligated to utilize Duke Energy for this work.

Alternatives

The Council can choose to not authorize the Manager to approve the invoice in which case the decorative street lighting would not be installed.

Financial Impact

Funds for this project are budgeted for in the following:

Neighborhood Streetscape	3202H000-731000-70002	\$115,374.56
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SDBE Requirements

This section is not applicable to this agenda item.